



*Examination  
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#13/Response*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Olivier de Pous et al.	)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
		)	VAL1599P0190US
Serial No.:	Serial No. 09/775,949	)	
		)	Group Art Unit: 3727
Filed:	February 2, 2001	)	
		)	Confirmation No. 1510
For:	ATTACHMENT DEVICE TO	)	
	ATTACH A PUMP OR VALVE	)	
	ONTO A RECIPIENT NECK	)	
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Examiner:	Lien M. Ngo	)	

RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents  
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Official Action Paper No. 12 dated March 3, 2003.

An attached Transmittal Letter presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a Deposit Account if required.

Claims 1-9 are pending, and have not been further amended in this Response.

Claims 10-16 are withdrawn from consideration.

PRESENCE OF GENERIC CLAIM

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's determination in Item 1 of the Official Action that claim 1 is generic.